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1. APPROXIMATELY SIX MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS ARMED WITH MACHINE-GUNS NOW HOLD 70 HOSTAGES IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING (PROVINCIEHUIS) IN ASSEN AS OF 1100 LOCAL TIME TODAY, MARCH 14. TWO MOLUCCAN YOUTHS HAVE JUST LEFT THE BUILDING AFTER NEGOTIATIONS AT THE TERRORISTS' INITIATIVE; THEY BROUGHT OUT ONE WOMAN HOSTAGE WITH THEM. TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A LADDER AND MEGAPHONE AS REQUESTED. MARCH 13 MINISTRY OF JUSTICE RECEIVED LETTER FROM THE "SOUTH MOLUCCAN SUICIDE COMMAND," MAKING DEMANDS WHICH MUST BE MET BY 1400 LOCAL TIME TODAY.

2. SOME OF THE DEMANDS IN THE LETTER, MAILED ON MARCH 12, QUARREL 4HOSE MADE BY MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS DURING LWST YEAR'S TRAIN

AND SCHOOL SEIZURE: (1) 13-MILLION DOLLARS, (2) FREEING OF 2 MOLUCCAN "POLITICAL" PRISONERS, (3) A BUS WITH SHUTTERED
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WINDOWS TO BRING TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES TO NEARBY (GRONINGEN) AIRPORT WHERE A 40-PASSENGER AIRPLANE SHOULD BE WAITING, (4) A DC-0 TYPE AIRPLANE WAITING AT AMSTERDAM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT TO FLY THEM TO AN UNNAMED FOREIGN DESTINATION, AND (5) TRANSPORTATION FOR RELEASED PRISONERS TO SCHIPHOL AIRPORT.

3. PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT AND THE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE (DE RUITER), INTERNAL AFFAIRS (WIEGEL), DEFENSE (SCHO TEN) AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (VAN DZR KLAAUW) HAVE MET AT INTERVALS IN THE HAGUE CRISIS CENTER. DE RUITER TOLD THE PRESS THAT MAIN GON PURPOSE IS TO SAVE AS MANY OF THE HOSTAGES LIVES AS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT, IN LINE WITH POLICY OF FORMER CABCET, GON DID NOT INTEND TO LET THE TERRORISTS LEAVE COUNTRY.

4. ALREADY, SIX DUTCH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PACIFIST PAX CHRISTI, HAVE REQUESTED GON NOT TO USE VIOLENCE TO END THE TERRORIST SEIZURE, SUGGESTING THAT VOLUNTEER HOSTAGES BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THOSE NOW HELD. DE RUITER REJECTED THIS LATTER PROPOSAL BUT CLEARLY LEFT OPEN THE HOPE THAT THE AFFAIR CAN BE ENDED WITHOUT FURTHER VIOLENCE.

5. THE MULTI-STORY GLASS, STEEL AND CONCRETE PROVINCIEHUIS STANDS ISOLATED IN A FLAT, LANDSCAPED AREA. THE BUILDING WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROTECT BUT ALSO DIFFICULT TO APPROACH UNNOTICED. DUTCH MARINE CLOSE COMBAT UNIT HAS BEEN MOVED INTO THE AREA.
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